

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a case;
  - an image carrier provided in the case for supporting an image;
  - an endless belt provided in the case for contacting the image carrier, the endless belt detachably in contact with the image carrier; and
  - a contact member provided in the case for contacting the endless belt, the contact member moving with the endless belt when the endless belt is detached from the image carrier,wherein the contact member is capable of being pulled out from the case, by separating from the endless belt's position where the endless belt is contacting the image carrier or where the endless belt is not contacting the image carrier.
2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the contact member contacts the endless belt according to a predetermined timing during image formation, and the contact member is capable of being removed from the endless belt when the contact member is pulled out of the case.
3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the contact member is a second transfer member to transfer a toner image to a recording sheet, the toner image being intermediately transferred to the endless belt, and the contact member contacts the endless belt according to a predetermined second transfer timing.
4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the endless belt is positioned under the image carrier and the contact member is positioned under the endless belt to contact the endless belt from below.
5. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the endless belt is an intermediate transfer belt or a paper transport belt.
6. The image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a plurality of image carriers are arranged in relation to the endless belt to overprint toner images sequentially on the intermediate transfer belt or directly on a recording sheet conveyed by the paper transport belt.

7. An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a main body;
  - a central unit having an endless belt and being provided in the main body;
  - a first unit having a first member for contacting a side of the endless belt and being provided in the main body; and
  - a second unit having a second member for contacting an opposite side of the endless belt with respect to the first unit and being provided in the main body;
  - wherein the central unit moves with the second unit in a direction which removes the endless belt from the first member, the second unit detaches the second member from the endless belt where image is not formed, and detaches it from the main body independently of the movement of the central unit.
8. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the central unit and the first unit are capable of being pulled out of the main body.
9. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the second unit is positioned in the central unit by pushing the second unit into the main body from the state where it is pulled out, independently of the central unit.
10. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the second unit is provided with a driving force from the main body, and where the second unit moves with the central unit.
11. The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the endless belt of the central unit is an intermediate transfer body, the first member of the first unit is an image carrier, and the second member of the second unit is a second transfer member.
12. An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a main body;
  - an image carrier provided in the main body for supporting an image;
  - an intermediate transfer body provided in the main body for transferring the image supported by the image carrier; and
  - a second transfer member for transferring the image to a recording sheet, the

image being transferred on the intermediate transfer body,

wherein the second transfer member moves with the intermediate transfer body in a direction which removes the intermediate transfer body from the image carrier, and the second transfer member is capable of receiving a driving force from the main body before and after the movement.

13. The image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the second transfer member comprises a transmission gear that receives a driving force by connecting a gear of the main body with the transmission gear, the transmission gear being positioned in a direction perpendicular to the movement of the connecting gear of the main body.

14. The image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the second transfer member may be removed from the main body independently of any movement of the intermediate transfer body.